

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## CLUB OFFICERS

President: Curtis Sylvester Jose, KF6VFP  
Vice President: Bill McJunken, N6FAB  
Secretary: Jean Knox, KF6EIN  
Treasurer: Clara Ansley, KC6JPP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Art Nelson, W6ARN Ernest Royat, KB6VHW  
Herb Puckett, W6HBU Russ Decker, KB6YAF  
Lee Sheffield, KC6MCI

## REPEATER LICENSE TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

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## *NEXT BOARD MEETING*

The next Board Meeting will occur on December 11 prior to the Christmas dinner. Location will be at the American Legion Hall on Riverside Boulevard in Linda. We'll try to get started by 6:00PM and finish in time to join the dinner group.

## *NEXT CLUB MEETING*

Our next regular meeting will be the annual Christmas Party and dinner.

The date is December 11, and the location is the American Legion Hall at 5477 Riverside Boulevard in West Linda.

Be there at 6:00PM to help set up, and we will begin the feast at 6:30PM. Again this year, the main dish will be prime rib, furnished by the club. The club will also furnish coffee, rolls and the soft drinks. You bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share. Also bring your own table setting, etc.

Don't forget to get your \$3.00 reservation for each person in to Clara by December 3. That will assure you a place at the table.

There will be a board of directors' meeting before the dinner.

There is a need for people to help with the event, so if you have some time, call Clara or Herb to volunteer. The same people seem to do the work each year; so how about making this year different?

There will be a gift exchange for those interested in participating. OM's bring a gift for an OM, and YL's/XYL's bring a gift for a lady.

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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2001

Editor's note: the November board meeting was combined with the Annual Meeting.

Present: President: Curtis Sylvester-Jose - KF6VFP, Vice President: Bill McJunkin - N6FAB, Treasurer: Clara Ansley - KC6JPP, board Members: Herb Puckett - W6HBU, Art Nelson - W6ARN, Ernie Royat - KB6VHW, Russ Decker - KB6YAF. There were also nine other members and one guest present.

After a delicious potluck dinner, the meeting was conducted by President Curtis Sylvester-Jose.

President Curtis read the list of members who have agreed to assume offices for the 2002 term:

President: none, Vice President: Art Nelson - W6ARN, Secretary - Jo Anne Murdock - N6YLO, Treasurer - Clara Ansley - KC6JPP. Board Members: Curtis Sylvester-Jose - KF6VFP, Bill McJunkin - N6FAB, Thomas Robinson (Robby) - N6PGK, Russ Decker - KB6YAF, and Marvin Lemburg - KE6JNT. A motion was made by Herb Puckett - W6HBU, and seconded that this slate of officers be accepted. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Herb Puckett - W6HBU, that we donate \$50.00, to be taken from the VE balance as our thanks to the Evangelical Free Church for allowing us to use their facility for our VE tests this year. Motion passed.

It was suggested that the Board Members act as President, on a rotating basis for two months at a time. Curtis - KF6VFP, offered to be the first one.

Treasurer Clara Ansley read her report, as she was unable to run off a copy for everyone. A motion was made and seconded that her report be accepted. Motion passed.

A Technician grade class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school start after the first of the year. The class will probably last until late February.

Our next meeting will be the Christmas dinner to be held on December 11 at the American Legion Hall on feather River Boulevard in Linda. Reservations are \$3.00 per person. They can be included with your dues. If you miss this dinner, you will be losing out on a terrific meal. So plan on attending, and help make this our best Christmas dinner ever.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were taken by Treasurer, Clara M. Ansley, KC6JPP.

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## ***Treasurer's Report***

November 13, 2001

Checking Balance: September 22, 2001	2526.19
Receipts Deposited:	291.00
Bills Paid:	540.13

Checking Balance, this date:	2277.06
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Less:	
Repeater balance:	651.00
VE balance:	119.46
Total:	770.46

Club Balance:	1506.60
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Note: the bills paid include annual insurance of \$540.13.

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## **EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS**

We are a day later with this issue than we planned. This section of Yuba City was out of power yesterday (Saturday, November 25) for slightly over 12 hours beginning at about 7:45AM. This meant no light, no cooking, no heat and no computer in the house. The trailer parked in the driveway came to the rescue, and after a breakfast of cold cereal, we spent most of the rest of the day in

the warm, cozy trailer with a book and hot coffee. It brought back memories of the pine tree in the summer time. From what I hear via TV, the pine tree and the area around Chester and Lake Almanor is cold and snowy now. Not a pleasant time to camp for the non-roughing it old dad.

Don't forget your dues. It's coming up on that time again. Please note that there is no increase this year. That is due partly to our use of the Internet for delivery for those who have E-mail capability. Your dues can be included with your reservation for the Christmas party. Clara can take care of that sort of thing with ease.

Is the spare battery charged and ready to go? Are you working off the "Top Half" of the gas tank? This weekend was a reminder of what can happen on short notice. Fortunately, there was not a need for emergency evacuation or any shelters to be set up. Maybe next time we won't be so lucky. Take a look at the Emergency and Public Service Operation piece on the Club Web site if you're a relatively new licensee. There is some good information there.

We had a most enjoyable meeting and potluck in November, and as always there was some really good food available. There are a few pictures of the occasion later in this issue.

You ain't seen nothing yet!!! Wait 'til December 11! If you wimp out on the Christmas Party, it's your loss and our gain. I can guarantee that the Prime Rib will be just right, and your share will be more than adequate. Only problem is, we need some people to help set up and get ready. The Board members will be in a meeting prior to the meal, so if you can assist, please get hold of Herb, W6HBU, or Clara, KC6JPP, on the phone or the repeater to volunteer an hour or so.

I sure hate to admit it, but I think I'm beginning to get burned out as Editor. It's getting harder and harder to come up with something each month as Newsletter time rolls around. I don't want to compromise the quality of this fine publication just because the Editor can't get into the mood of writing and assembling the thing each month. We are having problems getting people to attend meetings and such, and we still don't have a president for 2002. I don't want the Newsletter to

suffer a similar fate. I have no intention of quitting in disgust, as I'm not disgusted, just pooped. The E-mail version of the Newsletter could be a problem, but I would be willing to help with that. I don't think we can afford to mail the whole membership the Newsletter at the present level of dues. Remember that postal rates are continuing to rise, and the post office is still losing money. Curtis, KF6VFP, has indicated an interest in the thing, but he will have two jobs with temporary president and board member. If Curtis feels two jobs are enough, is anyone willing to tackle the Editorship for awhile? If so, let the present Editor know. If no takers, I will continue. In any event, I would probably contribute from time to time with articles and/or pictures. Let's talk about it.

## ***PICTURES FROM THE NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING***

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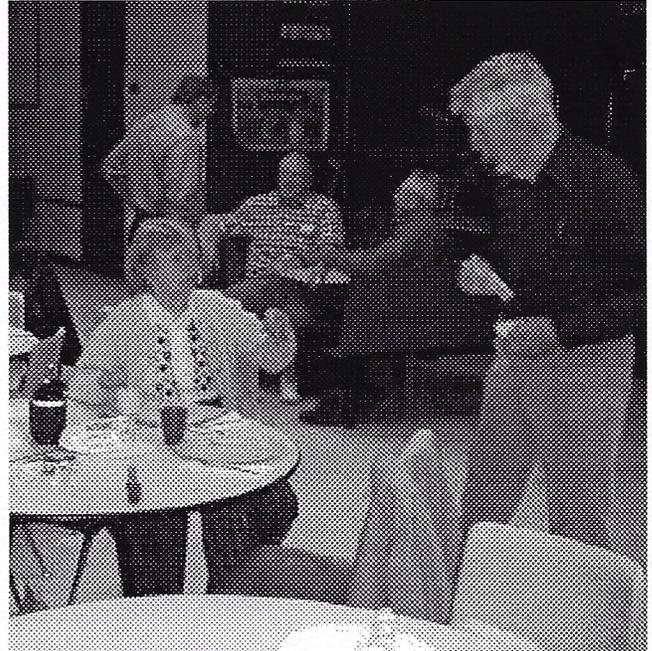
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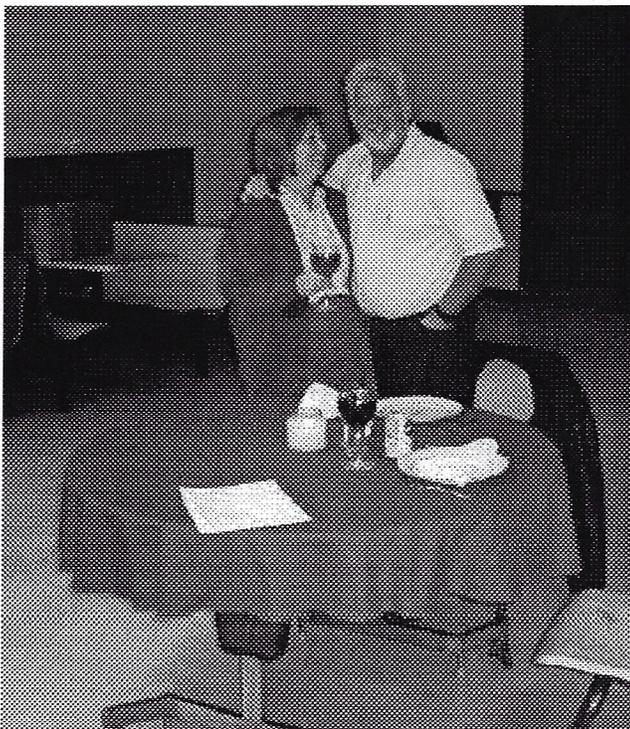
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Debbie, Mrs. KB6YAF, arranges their table.



Roger, W5VKU, and his XYL discuss the situation



Russ, KB6YAF, and Debbie admire her handiwork



Clara accepts Roger's money